

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE NEW IBERIA CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NEW IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 AT 5:35 PM**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, met in public session at City Hall, 457 East Main Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at Five Thirty-Five (5:35) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present were the Mayor, Freddie DeCourt, as well as the following members of the New Iberia City Council, Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk.

The City Council for the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority for the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, by the Honorable Mayor, who then stated that the Governing Authority was ready for the transaction of business. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time a motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Ordinance No. 2023-35 be considered for introduction and publication:

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

2. ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-35:** An Ordinance amending Sections 86-101 and 86-105 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia relating to electronic traffic enforcement and setting for public hearing on January 3, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

At this time, a motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Brianna Davis be allowed to address the Council.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a.** Brianna Davis with the Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana provided an update on the program.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a.** Regular meeting of December 5, 2023, which were published on December 9, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

5. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Amanda Schroeder with Communities in Schools addressed the Council to discuss her partnership with the Iberia Parish School Board.
- b. Dustin Suire addressed the Council.

6. ORIDNANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-32:** An Ordinance amending Section 2-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia in order to amend the rules of procedure of the Board of Trustees related to the American with Disabilities Act

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-10:** An Ordinance amending the budget to recognize New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Grant

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-11:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect remaining budget on the City Park & West End Park Community Center Improvements Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-20-02)

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-12:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Cleco franchise agreement

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Dustin Suire

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

7. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-194:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Sucrose Drive Backflow Preventer Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 23-195:** A Resolution awarding contract to Southern Force Heating and Cooling, LLC for the West End Park Air Conditioning Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 23-196:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Staples Engineering and Consulting, LLC for the Pepperplex Private Road Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brooke Marcotte

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 23-197:** A Resolution correcting the terms for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-33:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and CSG Forte Payments, Inc. for online payment processing and setting for public hearing on January 3, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Brooke Marcotte
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-34:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract for computer service and maintenance by and between the City of New Iberia and Vince Comeaux, LLC and setting for public hearing on January 3, 2023.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

9. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue to present budget to actual report for November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that the budget to actual report presented by Kevin Zerangue be postponed to the January 3, 2024 New Iberia City Council meeting.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

10. COUNCIL REMARKS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on January 3, 2024.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.

- c. **The city of New Iberia currently has adjudicated properties available for sale at CivicSource.com.** To initiate the auction process on one or more properties, the investor must place a deposit of \$850 on each property, which starts the prerequisite legal research and notification process that is required before the auction takes place. The pre-sale process takes approximately 120 days to complete. If the current property owner pays all delinquent taxes and fees during the pre-sale period, the depositor is refunded the deposit and the sale is halted. Visit CivicSource.com to learn more.

12. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM

/s/Lanie Kerlegon
Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk
City of New Iberia